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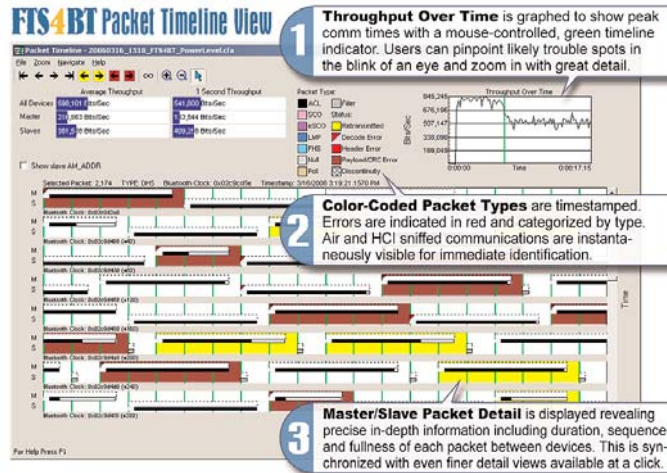
Frontline Breaks New Ground in Bluetooth Protocol Analysis with an Updated FTS4BT Wireless Sniffer

Customer driven enhancements enable quicker testing and faster time to market of Bluetooth products

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA – APRIL 3, 2006 – Frontline, maker of the only v2.0 + EDR *Bluetooth*® protocol analyzer (FTS4BT™), introduced a significant update to that product this morning which allows engineers to gain an immediate insight into data transfer inefficiencies when developing and testing *Bluetooth* products. This will shorten product development time and help FTS4BT users drive products to market more quickly. The new Packet Timeline view allows development and test engineers to look “inside” devices under test and graphically see exactly what is happening on the communication link, enabling optimization of both chip-level firmware and application level software. This highly graphical new view was creat-

ed in response to extensive customer feedback and is a market first.

The Packet Timeline view in conjunction with the FTS4BT Frame Display will streamline the testing process. It allows users to easily locate questionable packets and drill down to them in order to determine if they are optimized



for maximum data throughput. All of this analysis can be conducted in realtime while data is streaming which further reduces development time and cost.

“Ever since Frontline has been involved with *Bluetooth* testing we have been an innovator and have continually provided new features and functions that improve engineers’ efficiency,” said Eric Kaplan, Founder, Frontline. “Packet Timeline is particularly exciting because it comes at a time when there is a major push to improve data throughput and it is exactly the right tool to accomplish this. One of our customers, during a sneak preview of the feature, has already been able to find and fix a very tricky low-level firmware bug and they said that without Packet Timeline it would have taken them much longer.”

Frontline’s software/hardware offering, FTS4BT, decodes *Bluetooth* protocols in realtime, offering comprehensive *Bluetooth* profile and multimode sniffing support. FTS4BT supports simultaneous analysis of the air interface and the HCI interface. It is suitable both for troubleshooting and for verification of *Bluetooth* applications. The updated FTS4BT is available immediately for a free 15-day trial.

Packet Timeline View Features:

- Throughput Indicator graph with cursor control allows user to pinpoint specific data stream inefficiencies.
- Capacity Indicator approximates the ratio of used to unused packet space.
- Color coding defines packet type and/or protocol errors for quick visual identification.
- Synchronized with FTS4BT Frame Display, the user can highlight issues via the Timeline and then troubleshoot via the Frame Display with a click of the mouse.

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With these updates, Frontline continues to solidify its position at the forefront of *Bluetooth* product development. In addition to offering the only solution for *Bluetooth* v2.0 + EDR, Frontline serves as the worldwide support center for the *Bluetooth* SIG's Profile Tuning Suite tool and was recently named the worldwide distributor and support center for Codenomicon's new *Bluetooth* robustness tester. Frontline is also the 2006 worldwide sponsor of the *Bluetooth* SIG run interoperability testing events, UnPlugFests.

**About Frontline Test Equipment, Inc.
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With over seventeen years of experience developing protocol analysis tools, and an installed base of more than 40,000 analyzers, Frontline (established 1985) is a proven protocol analyzer industry leader. Frontline Test System® (FTS®) software supports *Bluetooth* technology, serial, Ethernet, USB, ZigBee™, and numerous industrial protocols and buses such as Modbus, DH+ and DeviceNet. Based in Charlottesville, VA, the company maintains global distribution with focus in the U.S, Europe, Asia, and Japan.

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